is done through Indian News Agencies. However, newspapers also obtain articles on a syndicated basis from their foreign contributors including foreign newspapers as per the arrangements with the principals concerned.

(c) Government has not issued any guidelines for the terms and conditions to be decided upon by individual parties with their foreign contributors.

Punishment for addicts/peddlars

2118. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that punishment for drug addicts is mild in comparison to that of drug peddlars;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many drug peddlars are released when they claim to be drug addicts; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to remove this lecunae?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) According to the penal scheme envisaged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, mild punishment has been prescribed for drug addict as compared to drug peddlars/traffickers provided such addict was found at the time of his apprehension, in possession of a quantity of drug, being within the "small quantity" so specified by the Central Government under section 27 of the said Act and that he is able to prove to the satisfaction of the court that the quantity of such drug was for his personal consumption and not intended for sale or distribution.

Section 39 further envisages that the court, where any addict is found guilty of an offence punishable under section 27, having regard to the age, character, antecedents or physical or mental condition of the offender, is of the opinion that is expedient to do so, then it may, instead of sentencing him at once to any imprisonment, with his consent, direct that he be released for undergoing medical treatment for detoxification or dediction from a hospital or an institution maintained or recognised by Government subject to his furnishing a bond in the prescribed form for abstinence from the commission of any offence under the aforesaid Act.

Where the court is satisfied on the basis of the medical report, it may direct the release of the offender after due admonition and subject to execution of the prescribed bond for abstaining from the commission of the offence for such period not exceeding three years as the court may specify in this behalf. Such offender shall appear before the court and receive the sentence, when called upon during such period, for failure to abstain from the commission of the said offence.

No report regarding any lacunae in the working of the aforesaid scheme has been brought to the notice of the government.

राजस्थान टेलीफोन इण्डस्ट्रीज द्वारा भिवानी में पुश बटन टेलीफोन इंस्ट्रूमेंट्स का निर्माण

2119. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड ने, जो राजस्थान राज्य औद्योगिक विकास और निवेश निगम का एक संयुक्त उद्यम संस्थान है, एक विदेशी संस्थान के सहयोग से हाईटेक पुश बटन टेलीफोन इन्स्ट्रूमेंट्स बनाने का निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इस संस्थान ने परियोजना की स्थापना हरियाणा में भिवानी में की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) भिवानी में इस उद्योग को और कौन-कौन सी विशेष सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलैक्ट्रानिकी, और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) मेसर्स राजस्थान राज्य औद्योगिक विकास तथा पूंजी-निवेश निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा प्रवर्तित मेसर्स राजस्थान टेलीफोन उद्योग लिमिटेड, मानक एक संयुक्त क्षेत्र की कंपनी ने स्वीडन के मेसर्स एरिक्सन इन्फारमेशन सिस्टम्स के सहयोग से इलेक्ट्रानिक पुश बटन टेलीफोन उपकरणों का विनिर्माण करने का निर्णय किया है ।

(ख) यह औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठान राजस्थान राज्य के अलवर जिले में भिवाडी नामक स्थान पर स्थापित किया गया है ।

(ग) और (घ) ये प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते ।

Eligibility of Sanskrit Pandit in All India Examination

2120. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 109 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd April, 1987 and state whether a traditionally qualified Sanskrit pandit would be allowed to appear in various All India Examinations including that of IAS and on appointment whether he would get the same status and pay-scales as others get?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The minimum educational qualification prescribed for admission to Civil Services Examination, on the basis of which recruitment to the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Foreign Service, the Indian Police Service, etc. is made, is degree of a University incorporated by an Act of the Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or an equivalent qualification. If a Sanskrit pandit possesses the requisite qualifications prescribed in the Civil Services Examination Rules, he would be eligible to compete for the said Examination and, if appointed, he would be entitled to the same status and pay-scales as that of the other Officers of that service.

Projects over-run in cost and time

2121. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central and State Government Projects which have over-run in cost and time; and

(b) what is the amount of cost over-runs so involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Ministry of Programme Implementation monitors only Central projects costing Rs. 20 crores or more. As per information available with the Ministry of Programme Implementation, out of 290 projects under implementation as on 1.12.1986, 188 projects have reported cost over-run with reference to original sanctioned cost. 158 projects have shown time over-run with reference to original date of commissioning.

(b) The amount of cost over-run involved in these projects is about Rs. 22,813 crores.